

NOTES OF THE FARM.

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FARMERS.

Out of the Ginger Jar.

A freckled person always wears specks. Did you notice that? The wind often travels eighty miles an hour, and that too without a ticket.

Much of what we call love at first sight falls when it comes to the second, sober view.

Many a man who is calling loudly for justice would be in the county jail if he got it.

A word to the wise is sufficient, but a whole volume wouldn't convince the otherwise.

Some men are like a laying hen, they set up a big cackling every time they do anything.

It may be true that figures do not lie, but you can not make a fashionable dressmaker believe it.

It is claimed that marriage is a lottery, but it can not be true, else the law would take hold of it.

Time robs us of many things, but wounds our vanity first by introducing wrinkles and double chin.

Men who owe all they have and all they are to an industrious, economical wife, too often leave her out when they boast of their success, as most successful men are prone to do.

Women may possibly not know enough to vote, though we don't admit it; but she certainly knows enough not to sell that vote to the first briber who may happen along.

There is a wide difference between having a note in the bank and having a banknote in the pocket, and therein lies the difference between complacency and discontent.

When a man comes along whining that he is the victim of circumstances, the chances are that the circumstances were contained within iron-bound staves and labeled "Old Rye."

Not infrequently the exalted lodge member, the whack of those whose gavel brings all the members up standing, takes of his shoes outside the door when he goes home, lest he wakens his wife.—From March Farm Journal.

Save the Grass.

As long as you have any grass that will make hay, keep the mower running. Even after the regular crops are all safe in the barn and you think there is an abundance for the whole year, it pays to take in all other stray bits rather than to allow them to go to waste. There may be patches of wild grass that will make fair feed for calves and dry cows. At least it will do to fill out with here and there. Don't fail to cut it and put it up carefully in a good place. No telling how handy it may come about next March or April. If you don't need it, somebody else will and it will afford some ready cash that comes acceptably in the bare season of the year.

It is better to pasture off the second crop of your redtop meadow and not only turn it into milk, but firm the sod and get droppings from the cows as a top-dressing to improve the land for a better crop next year. But if this is not convenient cut off the aftermath and store it for second-class hay. It is far better to cut off wild grass and weeds than to leave them to be burned off next spring and thus impoverish the ground.

The Cow on the Farm

Did you ever run over in mind all the things a cow may do on the farm, or think what a farm would be without a cow? In the first place, she furnishes to all comers the best balanced food in existence. Milk is a common necessity to the young of both human and animal species. As a product for the table, good butter is unsurpassed.

The cow not only furnishes the various valuable dairy products, but also a large proportion of the meat eaten in the world. Her son often takes the place of the horse in the wagon or at the plow. Her hide furnishes leather for most of our shoes. Her horns and hoofs make innumerable buttons and other ornaments.

What would our cooks do to season our victuals without butter, milk and cream? Think of the many substantial dishes like ice cream that have their origin in the cow. The cow also enriches our lands and increases our crops.

Keep the Stall Dry.

A dry stall may be managed successfully if made this way: 2x4s are but one inch apart, forming a second floor. This keeps the water drained away all the time. The floor of the barn should be sloped in such a way that the water runs

backward, and is soaked up in the manure and bedding that is pushed off the standing floor. In this way the horses are never stained.

Marketing Apples.

A man can earn \$5 a day, or even more by sorting his apples for market.

After the apples have been sorted it is bad policy to put the little ones in the bottom of the boxes.

Apples in the same box should be as nearly the same size as possible.

If the big and little apples are packed separately they will bring more money than if mixed together, with the biggest fruit on top.

Gumption on the Farm.

Your oats will not be so apt to rust if you get them in early.

The more a man goes around the less he is apt to develop into a crank.

Don't complain if you lose some of your grain sacks at the mill—if you have not marked them. Have every bag plainly marked.

Don't be in too big a hurry. It's unwise to work soil when it is soggy and very wet. Wait until it dries into crumbly, workable condition.

Now mind this: Make two sowings of clover seed, one now and one early in April. Use half red, other half alsike. Do not miss the alsike.

The more corn the more stock; the more stock the richer the land; the richer the land the more corn,—and there you have the secret of a rotation that is sure to bring success.

Entirely too many people in this world are making themselves cross-eyed looking for the street of easy money. This is as vain and foolish as hunting for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Just as soon as the frost is out of the ground it will do to sow onion seed and peas. Beets, early potatoes, spinach, radishes and lettuce may be planted early, too. Tender vegetables should wait until April or May.

It is a mistake to plant the same types of vegetables in the same spot year after year; keep them moving to prevent insects and diseases from getting a foothold, and it is a mistake to forget that a garden needs plant food in order to nourish vegetables properly. Stable manure and a sprinkle of bone-meal will do nicely.—From March Farm Journal.

The Poultry Yard.

The March-hatched pullets will be the early fall layers.

Many incubator chicks are killed with kindness by being overfed and kept too warm.

You need not be afraid the hens will eat too much crushed shells. Let them have all they want.

Make it a rule to count the birds every day. Some folks never do this. They might be robbed and never know it.

I have heard the advice given to feed the chicks all they will eat up clean. That won't do. They will eat up clean (the first week or two) more than they have any business eating.

Hard enough to sit for three weeks, without having to be quarantined all the time by insect pests. Look at your sitting hens once in a while and be sure they are free from enemies of this kind.

You can make money by getting a good rooster right now. Mate him with some of your best hens and set the eggs. Your basket will get full a lot faster after those pullets get to laying.

Particularly at this season of the year, do not set a hen until it is positive that she is thoroughly broody. If she does not have the full fever, she is apt to desert her charge, often after sitting a week or two.

As the weather is still cold not more than eleven eggs should be given a hen. When a larger number is allowed, the eggs are not sufficiently covered, and those on the outer edges of the clutch are likely to become chilled.

—From March Farm Journal.

ESTEP.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Dow McCormick, who died February 17.

John Savage, of this place, is very low with consumption.

A nice little wedding occurred at this place February 16. Mr. Labe White and Miss Virgie Miller were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Like Fannin is assistant broom maker at Jim McDowell's now.

Misses Nerva Savage and Maud Taylor are going to visit at Tuscola soon.

Misses Martha and Mary Smith are keeping a boarding house at Fallburg.

Miss Rosa Combs of Little Cat, is very low with typhoid fever.

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